



FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

"A Journey to Eminence"

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Noon

William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Building (Baby Dome)

Prairie View, TX

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PRESIDING

Ms. Cheryl Greene
Executive Director, Human Resources

WELCOME

Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande
President

INVOCATION

Reverend Charles H. Lewter IV
Dean, Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

Lunch is Served

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

STAFF AWARDS

Dr. Cynthia A. Carter-Horn
Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer

FACULTY/STAFF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARDS

Dr. Magesh Rajan
Vice President for Research, Innovation and Sponsored Programs

FACULTY AWARDS

Dr. Aashir Nasim
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE YEARS

Dr. Cynthia A. Carter-Horn

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Aashir Nasim

2024 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

The Presidential Awards for faculty, researchers, and staff are the highest honors bestowed by PVAMU. The accomplishments and contributions of those selected are highly meritorious and worthy of recognition. They have had an impact not only on PVAMU, but also on the broader community, the state of Texas, and/or on the national and international levels.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AS A FACULTY MEMBER

Harriette Howard-Lee Block

Associate Professor, Department of Biology
Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts & Sciences

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AS A RESEARCHER

Ali Fares

Endowed Professor, College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AS A STAFF MEMBER

Sandy Siegmund

Administrative Associate III, College of Juvenile Justice

2024 FACULTY AWARDS

The Faculty Awards at PVAMU celebrate excellence and recognize the meritorious accomplishments of faculty members, based on their achievements during the current and/or previous academic year. Each award highlights the distinguished contributions of the recipients, recognizing their dedication to advancing the university's mission and values.

OUTSTANDING FULL-TIME TEACHING AWARD

Xiangfang (Lindsey) Li

Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

FACULTY SERVICE AWARD

Ahmed Ahmed

Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD

Quincy Moore

Professor, Department of Biology & Director, The Honors Program

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT FACULTY AWARD

William Batson

Professor, School of Architecture

FACULTY RISING STAR AWARD

Noushin Ghaffari

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

2024 FACULTY/STAFF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARDS

The Faculty/Staff Research and Innovation Awards at PVAMU recognize outstanding achievements and contributions that elevate the university's research and innovation mission. These awards honor faculty and staff members for their exceptional accomplishments and serve as inspiration for others in their respective fields. These awards celebrate the meritorious accomplishments of the recipients and reflect their dedication to advancing PVAMU's mission through research and innovation.

EXCELLENCE IN SPONSORED RESEARCH AWARD

Louis Ngamassi

Associate Professor, Department of Accounting, Finance, & MIS, College of Business

Jayant Lohakare

Research Professor, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center

EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARLY RESEARCH AWARD

Thiagarajan Ramakrishnan

Associate Professor, Department of Accounting, Finance, & MIS, College of Business

OUTSTANDING EARLY RESEARCHER AWARD

Md Jobair Bin Alam

Assistant Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

Noushin Ghaffari

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION, COMMERCIALIZATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

Shuza Binzaid

Research Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

2024 STAFF AWARDS

The PVAMU Staff Awards program honors outstanding staff members who consistently excel in their roles, demonstrating integrity and a strong commitment to the university's mission and values. These awards celebrate the meritorious achievements of the recipients and their dedication to advancing the mission of PVAMU.

INITIATIVE AND CREATIVITY AWARD

Crystal Mendes

Program Manager, Research Innovation and Sponsored Programs

PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AWARD

Erdogan Memili

Executive Associate Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AWARD

Ashley Fiest, Academic Advisor II, University College – Advisement

Makenzie Banks, Academic Advisor I, Academic Advising Services

CUSTOMER SUPPORT AWARD

Joshua Rieger, Software Applications Developer-AITC,
College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM (CEP)

EXTENSION AWARD

Cynthia Pierfax, Extension Program Specialist III, 4-H Youth Development

STAFF RISING STAR AWARD

Kimberly Gay

Librarian II, Head of Reference and Information Services, John B. Coleman Library

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Quyên M. Huynh

Abhuri A. Kumar

Vicki A. Seldon

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Emebet Admasu

Brian M. Cudnik

Douglas M. Fowlkes

Alphonso Keaton

Raghava R. Kommalapati

Michael L. McFrazier

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Ananda S. Amarasekara

Lois A. Blyden

Christopher N. Clay

Donald R. Collins

John L. Cornelius II

Suxia Cui

Dennis E. Daniels

Jeffrey J. Freeman

Edwina C. Garcia

Jimmy L. Henry II

Reginald L. Holloway

James T. Jones III

Pamela H. Obiomon

Judy A. Perkins

Lijun Qian

Premkumar B. Saganti

Kevin A. Storr

Carl A. Taylor

Marsha K. Wilson

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sameh H. Abdelwahed	Sharisse A. Hebert	Stephanie R. Redd
Iftekhar Ahmed	Patricia Hoffman-Miller	Teanna L. Reed
Teta V Banks	Michael C. Hooper	Carolyn J. Sanders
Angela L Branch-Vital	DeKeith J. Living	Michael L. Simms
Keshea L. Britton	Dana E. Loewe-Kumar	Susan E. Streety
Carolyn M. Carter	Michael A. Martinez	Sarah A. Wiemken
Emilia Cordero	Portia C. Milan	Dean Williamson
Carolyn S. Davis	Manouchehr Misaghian	Yi Zhang
Cedric W. Ervin	Gururaj M. Neelgund	
Gerardo Garcia-Munoz	William T. Price	

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Kwaku Addo	Linda P. Kizzee	Byron B. Smith
Peter Y. Ampim	Talitha J. Lewis	Cleveland Stiff, Jr.
Cajetan M. Akujuobi	Xiangfang Li	Trenae D. Tavie
Ripendra Awal	Patrick A. Luster	Kassoum Traore
Derek R. Blackwell	Lakeitha S. Mitchell-Randle	Mathew Mathai Vairamon
Alec F. Boulds	Emmanuel U. Nzewi	Rosalie U. Valdres
Cynthia A. Carter-Horn	Vonda Oliver	James R. Valles, Jr.
Christanna L. Eshleman	Andrea D. Oseolorun	Craig A. Warner
Kenneth W. Garfield, Jr.	Ram L. Ray	Erica D. Wells
Jasmine M. Hamilton	Rambod Rayegan	Albert L. Wright
Sherry Harper	Nathaniel Richardson	Yolander R. Youngblood
Demetria J. Howard	Kimberly P. Rose	
Marlon C. James		

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Terrence Allen	Alvin Fosselman III	Daniel J. Neuls
Sophie Amatya-Dhoubhadel	Yunxiang Gao	Thai Nguyen
Keisha Chantelle Ann Antoine	Frank Garcia	Dias Nurmagambetov
Janet Antwi	Dorie J. Gilbert	Orok Effiong Orok
Delaniese Atkins Williams	Theodore Giraud	Joseph Ozuna
Tamika Baldwin-Clark	Anita Green	Jaejong Park
Anthony Barnes	Cheryl Kaye Greene	Melanye Price
Asia M. Ballinger	Angellica Harris	Carol Prosper
Steven Berry	LaKeshia Henderson	Spencer Robertson
Shuza Binzaid	Nathan Hermond	Hervey Rodriguez
Justin Bryant	Anthony Hill	Megan Renee Rodriguez
Clarence Bunch	Angela Hoffman	Adrian Sadler
Eleanor Faye Bradshaw	Tammy L. Holmes	Charcacia Sanders
Hendrix Broussard	Tara Lynn Hubbard	Hazel A. Semper
Tarnita Carrillo	Rhonda Jackson	LaTonya Scott
Jaeyoung Cho	Alvin Leburn Johnson. Jr.	Yuki Shigemoto
Mohamed Faouzi Chouikha	Tesfamichael H. Kebrom	Jamie Smith
Alfred Clark	Tareef Hayat Khan	Roderic Smith
Tony Clomax	Tanaya Kizzine	L.S. Spencer, Jr.
Patricia Colbert	Donna LeNoir	Noliza Stonum
Victoria Cooks	Meaquell Lewis	Naznin Sultana
Malachi Crawford	Alane M. Lillie	Binita Thapa
Jeremy LaDale Curtis	Joey Longa	Katina Thomas
Marquette Dansby	Ingrid C. Macias	Patti Toller
Rosa DeLoera	Jade Martinez	Lawrence James Trautman
Sunil Dhoubhadel	Di'Kendra Mathis	Shantel Walker
Bria C. Douglas	John Reese Mayfield III	Olympiyatta Washington
LaToya V. Douglas	Trissy McCoy	Steve Wilkerson
Debra Elder	Andrea E. McDonald	La'Shonte Williams
Sachie Etherington	Victoria Mgbemena	Patricia P. Williams
Suhua Caroline Fan	Tina Montgomery	Chimi Woo
Dwedor Ford	Micah Moore	Tia Villeral
	Tondra Lynte' Moore	Shawn Marie Zachery
	Tony Anthony Moore	
	Hamid Nahavandi	

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Michael L. McFrazier, Co-Chair

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Ms. Demetria Howard '04

Ms. Candace Johnson '02 '05

Dr. Rahim Quazi

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